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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of July 9 thru July 15, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 795 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CHILD FIRE PLAY - On July 23 at 8:33 a.m. on the 400 block of Edmund Avenue a child playing with fire set a phone book on fire as well as numerous other small fires that had burned out. Damages is estimated at \$400.

BIRTH - On July 23 at 6:54 a.m. on the 600 block of Euclid Street a 32 year old woman delivered a healthy baby boy in the ambulance. Paramedics continued transporting them to a nearby hospital.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On July 23 at 12:18 a.m. on the 900 block of Beech Street a 26 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

GARAGE FIRE - On July 24 at 7:45 a.m. on the 1400 block of McKinley Street fire companies were dispatched to a one car detached garage fully involved in fire and burning into two other garages. The electricity was shut off at the panel to the garage. Damages totaled \$31,000.



Firefighters extinguishing a garage fire on the 1400 block of McKinley Street

BASEMENT FIRE - On July 24, 2014 on the 300 block of Hope Street firefighters were dispatched to a single family dwelling with fire in the basement. A 14 year old boy ignited incense that burned out and relit it than placed it on a shelf. The ashes fell on clothes that were on the floor igniting and spreading to the wall and ceiling. Damage is estimated at \$70,000.

GARAGE FIRE - On July 24 at 1:49 p.m. on the 500 block of Magnolia Avenue East firefighters were dispatched to a garage fire. The occupant's daughter was cleaning up and put ashes from the grill in the trash can next to the garage which caused garbage in the can to be ignited. Damage is estimated at \$800.



Garage fire on the 500 block of Magnolia Avenue East

- Ashes from a grille or fireplace should be disposed of in a metal container, preferably in water.
- Ashes can cause a fire even days later.
- Trash cans should be stored inside the garage to avoid arsonists setting them on fire.

ARSON – On July 25 on the 50 block of Cook Avenue West firefighters extinguished a vehicle fire that was intentionally set on fire. Damage is estimated at \$12,200.

ARSON – On July 28 at 7:40 p.m. on the 1200 block of Albemarle Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of heavy smoke in the area. They arrived to find massive fire throughout the front of a two story side-by-side duplex. One of the units was occupied by a woman and her 6 month old baby. They were assisted out a side window of the unit by a neighbor. Damage is estimated at \$740,000.



A young woman and her 6 month old baby were rescued by a neighbor from this fire on Albemarle!

ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION - On July 28 at 11:15 p.m. on the 600 block of Snelling Avenue North fire companies were dispatched to a report of a dwelling fire. They arrived to find heavy fire in the rear of the upstairs unit of an up/down duplex. The occupants of the upstairs unit awoke to smoke detectors going off and saw flames in the kitchen and rear porch area. The electrical malfunction started in the base of their refrigerator. Damage is estimated at \$412,000.

KITCHEN FIRE - On July 29 at 4:05 p.m. on the 1900 block of Montana Avenue East fire companies were dispatched to a fire on the stovetop. On arrival, they found a kitchen fire that had started on the stovetop. They extinguished the fire and performed overhaul. The resident attempted to extinguish the fire with water but was unsuccessfully. He then called 9-1-1. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.



A kitchen fire on the 1900 block of Montana Avenue caused \$100,000 in damages.